

'advisory group' to the TEC, which includes the leaders of the three dialogues constituted under the New Transatlantic Agenda, is an important step in this direction. Furthermore, we believe that awareness of the transatlantic impact of proposed legislation and regulation should be developed in the relevant legislative and regulatory bodies.

Our discussions focused on a range of regulatory issues that will affect legislators in the United States and the European Union. With regard to priorities for future activities within the TEC, the TLD welcomed progress on items contained in the list of 'lighthouse projects' and related initiatives included in the 2007 Summit declaration. In particular, we developed a series of recommendations that we agreed should be taken into account during the TEC's first meeting on 9 November 2007.

With regard to accounting standards, efforts should be made to reach agreement on the equivalence of US GAAP and IFRS (as implemented by the EU) in order to avoid requirements for reconciliation. Important progress registered in recent discussions between regulators needs to be finalized as soon as possible.

With regard to trade and cargo security, achieving reciprocity and mutual recognition of security standards is of the utmost importance. We recognized concerns about the recently-passed U.S. legislation requiring 100 per cent cargo scanning.

With regard to intellectual property, a commitment is needed to harmonize the different patent regimes on the basis of the 'first-to-file' system.

With regard to investment, obstacles to bilateral investment should be addressed via an operative dialogue.

With regard to biofuels, developing compatible specifications between the EU and U.S. is a clear priority, particularly in view of achieving wider international harmonization at International Standards Organization (ISO) level.

With regard to the safety of toys and other products, recognizing that it represents a major concern to consumers on both sides of the Atlantic, improvements should be discussed between regulators and complementary standards should be developed.

Both sides renewed their commitment to make the TLD's work more relevant to the United States House of Representatives and to the European Parliament. In so doing, we resolved to provide the TLD with the required resources to improve the effectiveness of our dialogue and realize the full potential of our interparliamentary relationship.

HONORING THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in recognizing the Town of Barnstable, Massachusetts for its distinguished achievement in being named one of 2007's "All-America Cities."

For 58 years, the National Civic League's "All-America City" Awards have been presented to localities that demonstrate an exceptional ability to rise to the challenges involved in building and sustaining safe, healthy communities. Toward this end, the Town of Barnstable continues to be a model for civic

engagement, excelling in its efforts to involve the business community, nonprofit organizations, and citizens in developing ingenious solutions to local problems.

While the Town of Barnstable has applied the same cooperative approach in tackling a wide array of challenges, three in particular merit its designation as one of this year's ten "All-America Cities." Under its visionary "economic development stimulus plan," the Town of Barnstable breathed new life into the Main Street and waterfront areas of downtown Hyannis. This initiative helped to promote growth in an environmentally and socially responsible way, while boosting the area's cultural richness and scenic beauty.

Thanks to the Town's multi-pronged Affordable Housing Plan—an ambitious project that aims to secure 1,000 units of housing over a 10-year period—residents making below 80 percent of the area's median income will have expanded opportunities to make home ownership a reality.

Finally, the Town's creation of a Youth Commission has ensured the area's young people have a strong voice in the democratic process, advising the Town Council on the legislation and issues that matter most to Barnstable's youth and families.

It gives me pride to see the Town of Barnstable receive national attention for all the hard work and dedication that I have long admired. As we pause to reflect on this prestigious honor, I want to commend all the residents of Barnstable for their collective efforts to make the community a better place to live and work.

I particularly want to thank Town Manager John Klimm for his admirable leadership, and for seeing through the initiatives that have made Barnstable an "All-America City." Congratulations on an award well-deserved. For today, tomorrow, and long into the future, I have great confidence that the Town of Barnstable will continue to serve as a model for communities all across the country.

CONGRATULATING LA VEGA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1957 ON ITS 50TH REUNION

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of the La Vega High School Class of 1957 on their 50th reunion. It is a privilege to represent La Vega High School, located in Bellmead in my district.

The members of the La Vega High School Class of 1957 have made great contributions to our Nation, State, and Central Texas community. They have served us as soldiers, teachers, doctors, clergy, leaders in Federal, State, and local government, captains of business and industry, and all facets of American life. In short, the diverse lives and accomplishments of the La Vega High School Class of 1957 have contributed significantly to the social fabric of our State and Nation and their ongoing contributions to our American way of life will be felt for years to come.

I congratulate them on this special occasion and wish them all the best in the years ahead.

Members of the La Vega High School Class of 1957: Joe Aleman, Annette Brown, Mildred Andrie, Leo Bales, Elden Barrett, Billy Beechly, David Bounds, Stanley Boyd, Keith Branch, Juanita Kellough, Judy Braswell, Virginia Brink, Karen Bruner, Edie Bridges, Sarah Burch, Quincy Butler, Jo Campbell, Curtis Carpenter, Ken Christensen, Wanda Christopherson, Anita Colunga, Dan Crum, Jack Culverhouse, Charles Cooper, Jerry Davis, Wendell Davis, Kay DeArmon, Carrol Deaton, Margaret DeLoach, Carl Diver, Garland Dorsey, Juanita Embry, Suzanne Francis, Mildred Fridel, Bobbie Gill, Beth Goodman, William Glaser, Thomas Guinn, Jerry Haak, Wayne Harris, Robert Hawkins, Harold Hern, Darlene Hite, Dean Hord, Anita Ibsen, Karen Johnson, Albert Kilgo, Judie King, Lou Lee, Barbara Lemonski, Betty Love, Linda Lovelless, Bonnie Lundy, Barbara Mabry, Kenneth Makowski, Thomas Matthys, Nancy McDaniel, James McKee, James McKinney, Joe Moody, Barbara Moore, Janell Morris, Francis Nivers, Norma Parker, Mary Pickens, Henry Plemons, Barbara Phillips, Beverly Poston, Carol Allen, Daniel Ramos, Irene Rinehart, Albert Roberts, Lida Rush, Shirley Scott, Patricia Shaver, Donald Scruggs, Dorothy Sharp, Emily Spurlock, John Spurlock, Martha Staley, William Strahl, Patty Sutton, Evelyn Sykora, James Saul, Bobby Tacker, Dixie Taylor, Bobby Thompson, Melvin Thompson, Shirley Toon, Robert Turk, Bille Usher, Sarah Webb, Glenn Whatley, Rita White, Robert White, Martha Wilkerson, Bobby Williams, Wilburn Willis, Bonita Wood.

IN HONOR OF DR. WILLIAM J.
LAWHORN, UNITED STATES
ARMY AIR CORPS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. William J. Lawhorn, a World War II veteran. In 1944, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps at the young age of 18.

His original intention was to become a pilot, but two weeks before he was due to enter flight school, it was shut down. Out of his squadron of 125, only eight were selected to remain in the Air Corps while the others were sent to the infantry. He went on to attend radio school and was assigned Kitchen Police duties.

World War II is known as the deadliest conflict in human history, taking the lives of over 70 million people. During this difficult time, our country stood united behind our brave servicemen and women who so willingly took to the battlefields to defend freedom and democracy. It is veterans like William that helped us emerge victorious from World War II and restore hope and humanity in a world that was shattered by the darkness of hatred and violence.

His patriotism, courage, and selflessness are examples of what make America great. Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for his service to this great Nation. May God bless all those he loved, and may I convey to them my sincerest condolences and the gratitude of the American people.